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THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF REPORTS TO BE ISSUED BY FAO
AT ABOUT THREE WEEK INTERVALS DURING THE COURSE OF THE 1978
RAINY SEASON IN SAHELIAN COUNTRIES. TO ASSESS THE CURRENT FOOD
SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR THE MAIN CEREAL CROP TO BE HARVESTED
IN LATE 1978.

REINFALL ZONES REFERRED TO IN REPORT: ZONE A, LESS THAN 250
MM ANNUAL RAINFALL; ZONE B, 250-500; ZONE C, 500-700; ZONE D
FROM 700 TO 900; ZONE E FROM 900 TO 1,100; ZONE F OVER 1,100.
MAP INDICATING RAINFALL ZONES AND REPORTING STATIONS IS BEING
MAILED. RAINFALL DATA IN THE PRESENT REPORT COVER THE MONTHS
OF MAY AND JUNE.

1. SUMMARY. THE FOOD SITUATION IS STILL PRECARIOUS IN SOME
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COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY IN CAIE VERDE, CHAD AND NIGER. TRANSPORT
BOTTLENECKS WHICH OCCURRED DUE TO PROT CONGESTION, LOGISTIC
DIFFICULTIES AND TO THE POOR STATE OF ROADS DURING THE RAINY
SEASON HAVE NOW BEEN MOSTLY OVERCOME. THE ONSET OF THE RAINY
SEASON HAS BEEN NORMAL IN MOST AGRICULTURAL AREAS FAVORING
SOWINGS AND NORMAL CROP DEVELOPMENT SO FAR.

A. CAPE VERDE: A MAIZE SHORTAGE IS CURRENTLY BEING EXPERIENCED DUE TO DELAYED ARRIVALS OF AID PLEDGES, BE END-JULY, 27,300 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED, AGAINST THE MDM RECOMMENDATIONS OF 42,400 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 44,362 TONS AS OF DATE. FIVE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DONATED RECENTLY TO ASSIST IN THE INLAND TRANSPORT.

AN ASSESSMENT OF RAINFALL PERFORMANCE AND OF GRAIN CROP CONDITIONS WILL BE MADE IN THE NEXT REPORT. THE AGRICULTURAL SEASON IN CVI STARTS IN JULY. A GRASSHOPPER OUTBREAK IS, HOWEVER, ANTICIPATED, GOVERNMENT IS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN PLANT PROTECTION.

B. CHAD. (1) ROAD TRANSPORT OF RELIEF GRAINS FROM N'GAOUNDERE IN CAMEROON (RAILROAD TERMINAL RECEIVING AID SUPPLIS FROM DOUALA PORT) TO CHAD DELAYED BY LACK OF TRUCKS AND BY VERY POOR ROAD CONDITIONS FOLLOWING HEAVEY MAY AND MID-JUNE RAINS. AS OF 28 JUNE, BOTTLENECKS HAD BEEN REMOVED. AT THE END OF JUNE SIX TRUCKS WERE PROVIDED BY WFP TO HELP ACCELERATE INLAND MOVEMENT OF FOODGRAINS. AS AGAINST MDM'S AID RECOMMENDATIONS OF 42,000 TONS, 15,869 TONS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED BY END-JULY. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 27,000 TONS. (2) ALL ZONES: AFTER ABUNDANT AND WIDESPREAD MAY AND EARLY JUNE RAINS, BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATIONS OCCURRED BETWEEN MID AND END JUNE, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN AREAS. SOIL MOISTURE RESERVES, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY ADEQUATE TO MEET PLANT REQUIREMENTS.
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C. GAMBIA. (1) BY END JULY, 9,900 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED AGAINST REVISED MDM RECOMMENDATIONS OF 25,000 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 17,400 TONS AS OF DATE. (2) FULFILLMENT OF AID RECOMMENDATIONS IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO PREVENT SERIOUS SHORTAGES PRIOR TO NEXT HARVEST IN NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER. IN APRIL, THREE TRUCKS WERE PROVIDED BY WFP TO HELP ACCELERATE INLAND MOVEMENT OF DONATED FOODGRAINS. (3) CUMULATIVE MAY/JUNE RAINFALL NORMAL EXCEPT FOR BANJUL. LAND PREPARATION FOR FOODCROP PLANTING IS IN PROGRASS. MILLET/SORGHUM PLANTINGS OCCUR IN JULY/AUGUST, MAIZE RICE IN JULY. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS ARE AVAILABLE.

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D. MALI. (1) BY END JULY 45,200 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED AGAINST REVISED MDM RECOMMENDATIONS OF 132,000 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 57,230 TONS AS OF DATE. LOGISTIC SHORTCOMINGS WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE PRECLUDED DELIVERY OF MORE THAN ABOUT 60,000 TONS PRIOR TO START OF RAINY SEASON. (2) ZONE A AND B (MAINLY PASTORAL): MAY/JUNE RAINS AT ABOUT NORMAL LEVELS. ZONES C, D, E, NORMAL RAINS WERE INTERRUPTED BY MID-JUNE DRY SPELL - SOIL MOISTURE RESERVES ADEQUATE TO SUSTAIN CROPS. ZONE F, -6/JUNE RAINS NORMAL. (3) BULK OF GRAIN PLANTINGS OCCURRED AFTER EXCELLENT EARLY JUNE RAINS. NIGER RIVER RISING STEADILY: LEVEL HIGHER THAN IN 1977.

E. MAJURITANIA (1) BY END JULY 46,500 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED. AS AGAINST MDM RECOMMENDATIONS OF 52,500 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 57,500 TONS. AT END OF JUNE, SEVEN TRUCKS WERE PROVIDED BY WFP TO HELP ACCELERATE INLAND MOVEMENT OF DONATED FOOD-GRAINS..(2) ALL ZONES: MAY/JUNE UNCLASSIFIED

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RAINS WERE HEAVIER THAN NORMAL IN SOME AREAS. (3) GOVERNMENT ADVISES FARMERS NOT TO PLANT GRAINS FOLLOWING ABNORMALLY HEAVY RAINS AND TO POSTPONE SOWINGS UNTIL NORMAL PLANTING PERIOD IN MID-JULY TO PREVENT SUBSTANTIAL SEED LOSSES.

F. NIGER. (1) BY END JULY 22,300 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED AGAINST THE MDM RECOMMENDATION OF 47,000 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 28,100 TONS AS OF DATE. THREE TRUCKS ARE BEING PROVIDED BY WFP TO HELP ACCELERATE INLAND MOVEMENT

OF DONATED FOOD-GRAINS. TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES IN MARADI, ZINDER AND DOSSO DEPARTMENTS, FAO/WFP EMERGENCY AID APPROVED LAST MAY. (2) ZONE A (PASTORAL); MAY/JUNE RAINS BELOW NORMAL. ZONE B: NORMAL RAINS UP TO FIRST DECADE OF JUNE WERE FOLLOWED BY A DRY 20-DAY SPELL - SOIL MOISTURE EFFICIENT. ZONE C: MID-MAY DRY SPELL WAS FOLLOWED BY ABUNDANT EARLY JUNE RAINS, EXCEPT FOR ZINDER WHERE PLANTINGS COULD NOT TAKE PLACE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT RAINFALL. GRAIN CROP AND PASTURE CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY. CONTROL MEASURES AGAINST GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION IN DOSSO AND TAHOUA DEPARTMENTS ARE UNDERWAY.

G. SENEGAL (1) BY END JULY 120,500 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED, AS AGAINST MDM RECOMMENDATIONS OF 175,000 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 152,300 TONS AS OF DATE. SUPPLY POSITION DISTORTED BY A PLEDGE OF ABOUT 50,000 TONS WHEAT OF A VARIETY WHICH CANNOT BE CONVERTED INTO BREAD FLOUR. GOVERNMENT PLANS RE-EXPORTATION OF NON-UTILIZABLE DONATED WHAT. (2) ZONES B, E, AND F: MAY/JUNE RAINS NORMAL. ZONE C: DAKAR AND DIOURBEL RECEIVED VERY POOR RAINS. ZONE D: MAY/JUNE RAINS LESS THAN HALF OF NORMAL.

H. UPPER VOLTA. (1) BY END JULY 33,600 TONS OF FOOD AID ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ARRIVED, AGAINST THE MDM RECOMMENDATIONS OF 65,000 TONS. FOOD AID PLEDGES TOTAL 46,250 TONS AS OF DATE. UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THE END OF JUNE, FIVE TRUCKS WERE PROVIDED BY WFP TO HELP ACCELERATE INLAND MOVEMENT OF DONATED GRAINS. (2) ALL ZONES: A DRY SPELL IN MID-MAY WAS FOLLOWED BY RAINFALL. DATA ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE LAST 20 DAY OF JUNE. GARDNER

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